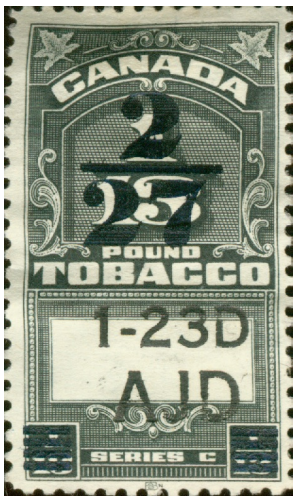
--- 2/27th Pound - Pouch Tobacco Stamps - 1935-64 ---

Under the 1st Wartime Budget of September 1939 the *excise duty* on manufactured tobacco was increased from 20¢ to 25¢ per pound, and "Imperial Tobacco," Granby, overprinted the 1/13th pound stamp RN-12 with a 5 mm. Gothic **2/27** in a 'one-time' operation as **RN-43**. This was the first appearance of the 2/27th pound denomination.

RN-43 - **2/27** on 1/13th pound, perf. 11, overprinted by "Imperial Tobacco", Granby in October 1939

[RN-43]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1939	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	AJD	---	---

At the same time RN-12 was overprinted by BABN with 6 mm. dark blue Roman figures as **RN-51**.



RN-51 - **2/27** on 1/13th pound, perf 11, coded **1-23D / AJD** by "Imperial Tobacco", Granby, in October 1939

[RN-51]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1939	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	AJD	BJD	---
1940	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

By December 1939 BABN had the definitive 2/27th pound stamp ready for circulation. The hidden letters on the stamp are (I - E).

RN-11 - 2/27th pound, perf 11, coded **1-23D / CJD** by "Imperial Tobacco", Granby in December 1939

[RN-11]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1939	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	CJD
1940	AKA	BKA	CKA	AKB	BKB	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

When the Budget of June 1940 increased the *excise duty* on manufactured tobacco from 25¢ to 35¢ per pound, production of the 2/27th pound package was terminated.

For general distribution under the 1942 Budget BABN, hoping in vain for some company interest, surcharged their remaining sheets of RN-11 with a three line 6 and 3 mm red Gothic **2c. / EXCISE / TAX** as **RN-133**.

RN-133 - RN-11 surcharged **2c. / EXCISE / TAX** by BABN for the June 1942 Budget

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When the Budget of March 1943 doubled the *excise tax* from 1¢ to 2¢ per ounce (or fraction thereof), BABN still hoping, re-surcharged their unused copies of RN-133 with a dark blue 7 mm. Gothic **4c.** killer as **RN-194.**

The collection ***does not contain***, and I have not seen, a copy of **RN-194 - WANTED!**

Apparently this was the *end-of-use* for the 2/27th pound stamp, as BABN *did not* make their usual three line red Gothic **4C. / EXCISE / TAX** for the Budget of March 1943, since legislation subsequent to the Budget forbade the manufacture of packages smaller than 1/12th pound for the duration of the war.

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